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TOPEKA, KANSAS MAN SENTENCED ON CRACK COCAINE CHARGE

TOPEKA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Robert A. Lewis**, 22, Topeka, Kansas, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Julie A. Robinson to **seven years in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by four years of supervised release.**

Melgren said that Lewis entered a guilty plea on May 20, 2003, to one count of possession with the intent to distribute crack cocaine.

Melgren said that Lewis admitted at his plea that on January 14, 2003, Shawnee County Sheriff's deputies searched his residence in Topeka and found approximately 5.1 grams (approximately .18 ounce) of crack cocaine hidden between the mattress and box springs of the defendant's bed. Lewis further admitted that when he was searched, deputies found \$60 of recorded buy money that Lewis received when he sold crack cocaine to a confidential informant earlier in the day.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department and the Topeka Police Department in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney James Brown in this prosecution.